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PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSY, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORON, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BROWN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HEINZEN & Co., Manila.

CHINA.—MULLO, MESSRS A. A. DE MELLO & Co. SWATOW, CAMPBELL & Co. AMY, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co. FOOCHOW, HEDGE & Co. SHANGHAI, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, YOKOHAMA, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND.....1,400,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits.—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPT DE PARIS.
(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....£3,200,000.
RESERVE FUND.....£800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue BERGERE,
PARIS.

AGENCIOS and BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO,
MARSEILLES, BOMBAY, HONGKONG,
LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW,
NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
. THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking and Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager, Shanghai.
Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.
" 6 " 4% " "
" 12 " 5% " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
Acting Manager.
Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Banks.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL.....£280,000.
RESERVE FUND.....£160,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

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CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

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THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For

For Sale.

CHRISTMAS STORES.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,
BEG to call attention to the following
New Supply of STORES, which
they have Received

Ex "GORDON CASTLE,"
And Other Recent Arrivals.

CHRISTMAS CAKES, 4-lb., 5-lb. and
6-lb. each.

CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDINGS.

Pure AMERICAN CANDIES.

Pure SCOTCH CANDIES.

DRAGEES. ALMONDS.

Fancy CHOCOLATES.

MARRON'S CHOCOLATE CREAMS.

NOUGATINES.

Crystallized METZ FRUITS.

New Design in COSAQUES.

"CETEWAYO'S HAT BOX."

"MARQUETTE'S JEWEL CASKET."

"GRANDMA'S BONNET BOX."

"EDWIN and ANGELINA,"
etc., etc., etc.

SMYRNA FIGS.

Muscated BLOOM RAISINS.

JORDAN ALMONDS.

BRAZIL NUTS.

PECAN NUTS.

HICKORY NUTS.

Cooking and Table PRUNES.

Pudding RAISINS and CURRANTS.

Candied PELLET.

MINCEMEAT in 1-lb. tins.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

CARRAWAY SEEDS.

SCHWEITZER'S COCOATINA.

American CREAM CHEESE.

SAP SAGE CHEESE.

LIMBURG CHEESE.

PINE APPLE CHEESE.

HAM TONGUE & CHICKEN SAUSAGE.

WESTPHALIAN, BOLGONA, OXFORD, and
TROPEZZI SAUSAGES.

GAME PIES.

Potted MEATS.

Prime Yorkshire HAMS.

Prime Wiltshire BACON in tins & Canvas.

Pickled OX-TONGUES.

OX-TONGUES in JELLY.

TRUFFLES.

CALIFORNIA ROLL BUTTER.

CUTTING'S Canned DESSERT FRUITS.

HUNTELL & PALMER'S BISCUITS.

CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s GINGER
CAKES.

MILK BISCUITS.

ALPHABET BISCUITS.

OYSTER BISCUITS.

WAFER BISCUITS.

SODA BISCUITS.

First-class and Medium CHAMPAGNES,

Pints and Quarts.

HOCK.

SAUTERNES.

CLARET.

Fine Old Pale PORT, 1848.

SACCOONE'S Pale Dry SHERRY.

Do. Amontillado SHERRY.

LA GRANDE MARQUE CHARTREUSE,

Pints and Quarts.

MARASCHINO DE ZARA.

CURACAO.

Fine Old BOURBON WHISKY.

SCOTCH and IRISH WHISKIES.

BASS'S ALE Bottled by CAMPTON and
SAUNDERS, Pints and Quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT Bottled by E. & J.
BURKE, Pints and Quarts.

Specially Selected CIGARS.

Princess CHEROOTS.

Cavite CHEROOTS.

Princess CIGARS.

Cavite CIGARS.

Arcos CIGARS.

Vegueros CIGARS.

Choice No. 1 Fortin CIGARS in Boxes
of 100.

Choice No. 3 Melsig CHEROOTS.

Choice No. 3 Fortin CIGARS.

PRESENTATION BOOKS.

SCIENTIFIC WORKS.

WORKS of REFERENCE.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

CHILDREN'S STORY BOOKS.

CHILDREN'S TOY BOOKS.

NOVELS.

ATLASSES.

HISTORIES.

DICTIONARIES.

OLLENDORFF'S METHOD for Learning
FRENCH and SPANISH.

DR. AHN'S METHOD for Learning GER-
MAN and FRENCH.

ASHEN'S MODEL BOOKS of FOREIGN
COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE,
GERMAN, FRENCH and SPANISH.

"NORTH CHINA HERALD" D A T E
BLOCK for 1880.

NEW SEASON'S PRESENT TEA, in 5 and
10 Catty Boxes.

Hongkong, December 15, 1879.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Suez*, Capt. EATON, having
arrived from the above Ports, Con-
signees of Cargo by her are hereby re-
quested to send in their Bills of Lading to
the Undersigned for countersignature,
and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

Consignees are also hereby informed that
any Claims must be made immediately, as
none will be entertained after the 12th
Instant.

D. SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 3, 1880. ja10

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Venice* having arrived from
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo
are hereby requested to send in their Bills
of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, January 5, 1880. ja12

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

S. S. "NIIGATA MARU," FROM
KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo by the above
Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature,
and to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or re-
mainning on board after TUESDAY, the
6th Instant, will be landed and stored at
Consignees' expense and risk.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

MITSU BISHI MAIL S. S. Co.,
6, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, January 5, 1880. ja12

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

THE Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Half-
Yearly MEETING of SHARE
HOLDERS in the Company will be Held
at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 502,
QUEEN'S ROAD, on FRIDAY, the 30th
January instant, at 8 o'clock in the after-
noon, for the purpose of Receiving a Rep-
ort of the Directors, together with a
Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend
and electing Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 7, 1880. ja30

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 17th to the
30th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Hongkong, January 7, 1880. ja30

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6, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, January 5, 1880. ja12

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"VOLGA,"

Commandant GUINARD, will be
despatched for YOKOHAMA
on FRIDAY, the 9th Inst., at 10 a.m.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 7, 1880. ja9

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"IRAOUADDY,"

Commandant GAUVAIN, will be
despatched for SHANGHAI
on FRIDAY, the 9th Inst., at 10 a.m.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 7, 1880. ja9

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

S. S. IR AOUAD D Y.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo per S. S.
Euphrate, from London, in connection
with the above Steamer, are hereby re-
quested to send in their Bills of Lading to
the Undersigned, whence delivery may be
obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless intimation is received from the Con-
signees, before To-day at 1 p.m., requesting
it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.

Cargo remaining unclaimed after WED-
NESDAY, the 14th Inst., at Noon, will be
subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 7, 1880. ja14

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,

IN LIQUIDATION.

Shanghai, January 3, 1880.

Messrs Sharp, Toller and Johnson,) that he would hear it in Chambers. The Chief Justice's clerk informed the reporters that, although it was really a Court motion, his Lordship thought, as it was so important, that it should be heard in Chambers. Now, we may say generally that the experience of generations has shown that nothing tends more surely or swiftly to bring about a want of confidence in the Courts of Law than a secrecy of administration. The better the people know the Law the more likely will they be to observe it, that is, to keep themselves outside of it criminally and in their dealings with each other act under its guidance, thus avoiding misunderstandings and costly litigation. And with regard to this particular case, we may add that we never before heard that the Judge's Chambers was the proper place to dispose of all important motions, and we cannot see any reason why the case should not have been heard in Court, especially as it was, as his Lordship voluntarily informed the reporters, really a Court motion. It is a matter of public notoriety that the motion to be brought before his Lordship was for an order in favour of the Opium Farmer, empowering him to search for opium the M. M. steamer *Anday*, departing to-night at 11 o'clock with the mails for Marseilles and ports of call. It is most important that an argument in such a case as this there should be full, impartial and accurate report. This the Chief Justice has prevented, and without giving us any better reason than that the motion was "so important" there could have been in this case no miscarriage of justice so far as we can see, through premature publication of the proceedings; because the time of publication would have been so late. But if such miscarriage was feared, why was not this case made a test one, and the right of the Court to prohibit publication and to punish for contempt, established in this Court, or at all events formally asserted, giving an opportunity for an appeal which we should be extremely sorry to see not sustained? Or is this taking the case in this most unsatisfactory way a practical admission of what we asserted many months ago, that the only way in which any Court can prevent a report of cases before it from being published is to sit with closed doors. On the other hand, it should be born in mind that no Court should ever sit with closed doors simply because of the importance of the motion to be heard. That furnished the more reason for every formal and proper procedure being attended to; and the proper procedure with a Court motion is to hear it in Court. Closed doors should only be thought of when public morality is likely to be outraged by open discussion of points involved in Civil or Criminal cases. We may have more to say yet on this subject. The doors of the Court are still closed as we close the paper for the press.

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending January 4th:-

LIBRARY.		MUSEUM.
European, Chinese.		
Mon. 20th, Dec. —	69	489
Tues. 30th, " do.	64	855
Wed. 31st, " do.	49	525
Thur. 1st Jan., " do.	—*	—*
Fri. 2nd, " do.	9	419
Sat. 3rd, " do.	5	72
Sun. 4th, " do.	1	318
Totals	15	321
Grand total	2,437.	2,101

*Closed during repairs.

THE Bank of Bombay has sold Kessowjee Naik's house property, valued in July last at Rs. 4,50,000, for five lakhs of rupees.

A NEW theatre—Mr Nazar proprietor, Mr Campbell architect—has been opened at Bombay by Mr Teesdale's Company, with "The Pink Dominos." A magnificent sunlight ordered from England has gone astray somewhere between the Suez Canal and China, and is believed to be knocking about Hongkong or Shanghai, labelled "over-carried."

A LONDON correspondent of the *Bombay Gazette*, writing to that journal by the last mail, says:—

I had a conversation a few days ago with one of the new Directors of the Oriental Bank about the line of policy they are pursuing with a view to the reconstruction of the institution on a sounder basis. He says that the Board are keeping steadily in view three principles. First, that it is desirable to make the Bank once more a strictly oriental bank. This has already been, in great measure, accomplished by the sale of the Chilian bonds and the transfer to the new Bank of South Africa of all the African business of the Oriental Bank. The next principle is to liquidify as speedily as possible all the investments of the bank in landed and other estates which cannot be converted in an emergency into ready money. The third principle is to reduce and keep down expenditure; and, I believe the next report will show that surprisingly large economies have been effected in this direction.

(*London and China Express*, Nov. 28.)

The appointment of Edward Loughlin O'Malley, Esq., to be Attorney General of Hongkong, was published in the *Gazette* on the 1st inst.

A Blue-book (Commercial No. 25, 1879) has been issued containing the replies of H.M.'s diplomatic agents abroad to a circular despatch of Lord Salisbury's, dated Sept. 28, 1878, calling for information on trade marks. Sir Harry Parkes communicated with the Japanese Government, and received a reply from Tarashima Munenori to the effect that no regulations had been issued on the subject, but steps were being taken to establish such at an early date.

Regarding the statement made some time since that amongst the Russian convicts on board the *Nijma Norogord* there had been a large amount of sickness, we are enabled to contradict it. Captain May reports:—

"During the whole voyage I had no sickness on board, and, am happy to say, landed all my passengers in Sagoon in perfect health and good spirits."

A correspondent calls attention to the simultaneous visit to Peking of General Donovan, commanding the English forces at Hongkong, and Admiral Coote, the naval commander. We are happy to state that there was no unfriendly design in this meeting, our relations with the Chinese Government being at present on a most satisfactory footing, notwithstanding the delay in the ratification of the Chefoo Convention.

The following is the letter referred to:—

"I observed by the last mail's advice that our Admiral and Commander of the Forces were both at Peking. This is significant, and can hardly be a matter of accident. These big wigs generally have an object in meeting. Has it any connection with the unsettled clauses of the Chefoo Convention? I trust not. Unless some special and important reason existed I think it was more injudicious on the part of these high officials to visit such suspicious people as the Chinese at Peking. Truly, I think they too much fear robbery."—Old China."

The negotiations between the Spanish Government and our Foreign Office in regard to the Borneo concessions made to Baron Overbeck and Mr Dent have not yet been brought to any definite shape. The proposed deputation to the Marquis of Salisbury, to be introduced by Sir Rutherford Alcock, has been postponed.

Sir William and Lady Robinson have postponed their departure for Singapore. The date is not mentioned at present, by what mail they will proceed.

The China and Japan Shippers' Association announce that they have placed the *Catello*, 1,483 tons, on the berth. She commences loading in Liverpool, and comes to London to complete. She is advertised to leave London on the 15th prox., and will be followed by the a.s. *Galley of Lorne*.

Mr Alfred Holt announces that the rate of freight per *Sarpedon*, to leave Liverpool on the 6th prox., will be fifteen shillings below Conference rates for China and Japan, but there will be no returns. It is open to all to ship by her.

We believe it is the intention of the Messageries Maritimes Company to remove the *Tyre* from the list of their steamers to China. She is their oldest vessel of this line, and has been replaced by the *Oxus*, which left on her first voyage for China last month.

The Messageries Maritimes Company has declared an interim dividend of 3 per cent. upon its share capital of £2,400,000 sterling.

Messrs. Ramage and Ferguson, ship-builders, West Pier, Leith, have launched from their yard an iron screw steamer of a somewhat novel description named the *Elara*. She is a vessel of about 700 tons, and has been specially designed for the Chinese trade. A few facts relative to the vessel's construction may be of some interest. Her hold below is one of the usual kind, and capable of storing a large cargo of sugar or rice, the space between the upper decks being left entirely free for the accommodation of several hundreds of native Chinese passengers, who are protected from the sun by a shade deck of wood, extending canvas, which can be covered in with screens in rough weather. A space of about two feet wide extends fore and aft on each side for ventilation, thus allowing a free current of air to pass through. A handsome saloon is fitted up aft for the accommodation of the better class of native passengers, while below there is a treasure room for specie and valuable goods. The European officers and passengers are provided for in the deck-houses forward, and the crew are berthed in the topgallant forecastle, while above a roomy pilot-house is placed in a position from which every movement of the steamer in going up narrow rivers will be controlled. A steam windlass, steam winches, and all appliances for working the vessel are fitted of the most approved description. Her engines, which are being supplied by Messrs. Barclay, Curle and Co., Glasgow, have every possible appliance for economising fuel and developing speed. This is the second steamer built by the above firm for the Chinese trade. After the launch, which was witnessed by several hundred persons, the vessel was towed round to the Albert Dock to receive her machinery.

A correspondent writes:—I am glad to see that some steps are at length being taken to bring forward a vessel to relieve the *Frolic* on the China station. The officers and crew of that ship left England in the *Juno* in November, 1875, and have accordingly now been four years absent, and yet up to the present moment no vessel has been commissioned to relieve them. The *Kestrel* is in a similar plight, and there seems little or no probability of the crews of these vessels reaching their native shores before they shall have been five years absent.

Little doubt (writes a correspondent) now exists that the command at Devonport, which will become vacant on the 7th of January, by the retirement of Admiral Arthur Farquhar, will be given to Admiral C. F. Hillyar, C.B. Admiral Hillyar's last service afloat was as Commander-in-Chief in China, where he showed much tact in his dealings with the Russian authorities during the period that the relations between the two countries were somewhat strained.

The *Tyne*, troop and storeship, Commander John E. Stokes, embarked at Portsmouth on the 24th inst., Major Phillips and twenty-one men for Ceylon, twelve men for Singapore, and seventeen men for Hongkong—all belonging to the Royal Artillery. She also took out Major Hales, Captain Godbold, and ninety-three men from the 108th Foot, to join the 27th Foot, at Hongkong.

The *Comus*, 14, screw-corvette, steel and iron cased with wood, Captain James W. East, left Sheerness on the 21st, for a ten days' cruise preparatory to her despatch for the China station.

In consequence of the recent serious accidents which have happened to boats of Her Majesty's ships engaged in rocket

practice, all firing with war rockets is to be discontinued until an inquiry has been made into the causes of their explosion in the tubes.

The dockyard authorities at Sheerness are engaged in getting the *Kingfisher*, 6, composite screw sloop, 1,124 tons, 900-horse-power, ready to be launched on the 16th of December.

It is reported that a new expedition is being organised by Russia against Persia, and which is to be carried out in the coming spring by a forcible passage of the territories of the Shah of Persia, if need be. It is said to be the intention of the English Government to occupy Herat next spring in alliance with Persia. The report has caused some angry feeling in St. Petersburg, and should it be confirmed, a manifestation of hostility is looked for calculated to endanger the relations between England and Russia.

The German Squadron, which, in view of the possible outbreak of war between China and Japan, has been despatched to the waters of Eastern Asia, is often called an "ironclad squadron." There are, however, no ironclads among these vessels. The corvettes *Prinz Adalbert*, *Louise*, and *Vineta*, and the gunboats *Cyclop* and *Wolf*, are only iron vessels with wood covering, or simply wooden vessels. The only German iron-armed vessel on foreign service is the *Hans*, which has been sent to protect German interests in the war between Chile and Bolivia and Peru.

Rear-Admiral Arthur William Acland Hood, C.B., who vacates his seat at the Admiralty Board to replace Vice-Admiral the Lord John Hay, C.B., in command of the Channel Squadron, was employed as a midshipman on the coast of Syria in 1840, and was present at the bombardment of Acre (Syracuse and Turkish medals with clasp). From 1850 until 1855 he served in the *Arethusa*, in the Mediterranean and Black Sea, and was employed on shore with the Naval Brigade at the siege of Sebastopol (promoted commander, Crimean medal with clasp, Turkish medal, and 5th Class of the Medjidie). He commanded the *Asorn*, on the China station, from 1856 until posted, 1858, and took part with our Naval Brigade at the taking of Canton, in December, 1857. He was also at the destruction of the war-junks in Fatshan Creek, and received the China Medal with two clasps, and mention in despatches, for his services, which were rewarded by his promotion to captain. In January, 1871, he replaced Sir Geoffrey Hornby as a Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty. Admiral Hood was formerly a naval aide-de-camp to the Queen, and was nominated a C.B. in May, 1871.

Latest Mail Advices.—Yokohama (via San Francisco) October 10, Shanghai 11, Foochow 13, Hongkong 18. The French mail, with the advice sent as above, from China and the Straits Settlements, was delivered, via Naples, on the 26th inst., two days late. The advice from Japan via San Francisco, were received on the 17th inst. The next inward P. & O. mail, bringing a week's later date, left Brindisi on the 26th inst., and is expected to reach London to-morrow, two days in advance of its due date. The P. & O. Company's steamer *Deccan*, with the heavy portion of the last inward P. & O. mail, arrived at Southampton on the 24th inst.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. B. Plunket.)

Wednesday, Jan. 7.

DRUNK AND INCAPABLE.

Arthur Hammond, 21, seaman, appeared charged with being drunk and incapable on the evening of the 6th instant.

About 3.30 p.m. yesterday the attention of a constable was called to a crowd of seamen quarrelling and fighting on the Government Wharf, and on his going to disperse them, defendant was found lying on the wharf helpless and with a bottle of gin by his side. Defendant admitted the charge and was fined \$1, in default two days' imprisonment.

KIDNAPPING.

The charge of kidnapping a child under 14 years of age into this Colony for an unlawful purpose, which was remanded from the 3rd instant, was again before the Court to-day and was further remanded till the 9th instant at the request of Mr Ng Choy, bail in \$200 to be extended.

KIDNAPPING AT SINGAPORE.

The case in which Ku Aman and Ching Aam, his wife, were arrested on receipt of a telegram from the Colonial Secretary at Singapore for kidnapping a girl under 16 years of age from the Straits Settlements was again before the Court to-day.

Mr Wotton defended both prisoners.

The charge is preferred under Section 8, of Ordinance 2 of 1875.

Mr Wotton claimed the power of electing whether the case should be heard before both Magistrates, or should go before the Supreme Court.

His Worship suggested that, as Mr Creagh was not present, the case should be enquired into by one Magistrate only, and that on Mr Creagh's arrival the witness should be recalled.

Mr Wotton declined to say one way or the other; he would neither object nor give his consent.

His Worship decided to take the evidence, and the girl was placed in the witness box.

The girl alleged to have been kidnapped, being declared, stated she was 16 years of age by Chinese reckoning, (about 15 years in English). She was decoyed away from her home at 12 years of age and had neither seen nor heard of her parents since then. The first time she saw second defendant was about August or September last, when she, the defendant, purchased her in a house in Canton. Shortly after being purchased she was taken to Singapore and efforts were made to sell her for a higher sum than had been paid in Canton.

She was employed as a servant in a family home, and no attempt was made while in Singapore to make her a prostitute. First she was a lodger in the same house and joined them on coming to Hongkong. While on the passage the woman said she would put the girl in a brothel, and make her a prostitute, first supplying her with jewellery and fine clothes. She had been frequently beaten while in Singapore, but did not wish to lay any charge against the defendant.

His Worship considered there was no case and discharged both prisoners. The girl was old enough to decide for herself what she would do; she could either go back to defendant or remain in the Tung Wah Hospital for a time and could come to Court if she wished advice.

The Tung Wah committee are stated to be making enquiries after the parents or other friends of the girl.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

A ROGUE AND VAGABOND.

Chun Akwai, 23, a coal scuttle, was charged with being in an unoccupied house for an unlawful purpose.

From information received from a lungk P.C. Schmidt knocked at the door of an unoccupied house in Queen's Road and found defendant there. He said he had been sent by his uncle to take care of the house which was his property and he had slept there two nights. Defendant is out of employment and lives in opium houses. The people upstairs know he was sleeping there two nights. Every opportunity had been given defendant, by visiting opium houses, to find the man who, he says, sent him there, but he was unable to find him.

Defendant, who admitted a previous conviction for larceny last year, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labor as a rogue and vagabond.

ASSAULT.

Su Achung, 22, a barber, charged, with others not in custody, with committing an assault upon one Wan Afuk, was ordered to find security in \$20 to be of good behaviour for six months.

China.

WENCHOW.

We have actually had a little excitement here to vary the dull monotony of our humdrum life. It appears that the existence of a Hua Hui (Flower Meeting) or, as we should call it a lottery, conducted by Wenchow men at Cha Shan, a place about 30 li from this, was lately discovered by the Prefect, who immediately instructed the District Magistrate to seize the proprietors, some thirty in number. The Magistrate, accordingly, arrested the ring-leaders on the night of the 16th instant, capturing among others a certain Chien-tsing or Captain, named Ying. The soldiers were exasperated at what they looked upon as an insult to their cloth, and, after spending the 16th in gambling, they finally decided on taking active measures on the morning of the 17th, when they seized and closed all the city gates. By 11 a.m. the Taotai had succeeded in pacifying the soldiers to the extent of allowing the gates to be opened, and, as far as the public were concerned, the "great rebellion" was at an end. Rumour says, however, that the Chentai is far from satisfied with the action of the civil authorities in seizing one of his subordinates without his permission, and that both parties have petitioned the higher officers on the subject.

The inhabitants, peaceful by nature, seemed to consider the matter as not very serious, and, in fact treated it as rather a joke. Still most of the shops were practically closed all day, and the crowds of people wandering about without any apparent object showed that something unusual was "up." No disturbances took place, however, and the roughs contented themselves, during the time that the gates were shut, with firing volleys of chaff at those who, having urgent business outside the city, rushed frantically from gate to gate, vainly seeking exit.

Wen Tacti, who has for some months been doing duty as Judge at Hangchow, has returned, and the Acting Taotai Liang left on the 20th by the gunboat *Fu Po*.

The river here is well stocked with wild fowl, and the Sui An river, about twelve miles off, is said to teem with ducks and geese, while even swan are to be found *rari nantes in gurgite adest*. What a chance for a sporting chasseur to combine business with pleasure in the off-season!

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 27, 1879. ja8

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G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, December 29, 1879. ja14



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